

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 were pending in this application. Claims 3, 4, 9, 14, 15, 17, and 20 are cancelled. Therefore, upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-8, 10-13, 16, 18, 19, 21-24 will be pending.

Claim Objections

Examiner has objected to claims 4-7, 9, 12, 17-18, 20, & 23 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has allowed Claim 13. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowable subject matter.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to have the limitations of claims 1, 3 & 4.

Applicants have amended claim 8 to have the limitations of claims 8 & 9.

Applicants have amended claim 16 to have the limitations of claims 16 & 17.

Applicants have amended claim 19 to have the limitations of claims 19 & 20.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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